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...AND AS HE WALKED THROUGH THE FOREST, THE PRINCE CAME ACROSS A SMALL COTTAGE.

INSIDE, HE FOUND A CHARMING, BEAUTIFUL YOUNG...

HMM?

HEY, MOMMY?

UMM...

WELL, THIS HOUSE IS A LITTLE SPECIAL...

HOW COME NOBODY EVER COMES TO OUR HOUSE?

HOW COME THE PRINCE IN THIS BOOK SHOWS UP, BUT NOBODY EVER DOES IN REAL LIFE?

HUH?

SPE-CIAL?

MM-HMM.

YOU SEE, MARIE, MY MOTHER... THAT IS, YOUR GRAND-MOTHER...

WELL, SHE WAS A REALLY, REALLY REMARK-ABLE WOMAN.

SHE HAD THE POWER TO CONTROL... A KIND OF MAGIC. LIKE WHAT YOU'D SEE IN THIS BOOK.

BUT, SADLY, SHE HAD TROUBLE MEETING AND TALKING TO PEOPLE.

AND SO, YOUR GRAND-MOTHER USED THAT MAGIC-LIKE POWER OF HERS...

...TO FIND THIS FOREST, WHERE NO ONE WOULD EVER APPROACH HER.

SHE HAD YOUR GRANDFATHER BUILD THIS HOUSE FOR ALL OF US.

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PA (BEAM)

WOW, MAGIC!?

GRANDMA WAS AMAZING!

BUT IT'S SO BORING, HAVING NOBODY VISIT US.

I WANNA GO OUT-SIIIIIDE!

BUSUU (POUT)

BATA (FLAIL)

BATA

OOF... THAT HITS HOME...

WELL, THEY WILL.

SOME-BODY... SOME-DAY...

PON (PAT)

PON

I...

UMM...

BIKU (FLINCH)

EEP...!

TU!!

IT'LL BE LIKE THAT TIME ALL OVER AGAIN...!

WHAT SHOULD I DO...!?

HUUH!?

G-GO AWAY...

PLEASE, JUST GET OUT OF HERE!!

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WELL, NO, I JUST...
OH MAN, I MUST HAVE SCARED HER OR SOME-THING...
STILL, THOUGH...
A HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF A FOREST LIKE THIS...
AND A GIRL LIVING BY HERSELF INSIDE... WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

I CAN'T HEAR IT NOW, BUT IT WAS DEFINITELY HER VOICE.

SHE MUST'VE BEEN CALLING FOR HELP FROM HER HEART...

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GIKU CTWITCHD

PLEASE, GO AWAY!!

YOU...

YOU'RE GONNA DO BAD THINGS TO ME TOO!?

IT WAS A MONSTER!!

ACK!

WAS SHE ATTACKED BY THAT "MONSTER" THE CHIEF MENTIONED ...?

LISTEN, WE BOTH HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

I... I'M NOT GONNA DO ANYTHING BAD TO YOU!

BIKU

BIKU (TREMBLE)

I HAVE TO GET THIS GIRL TO CALM DOWN A LITTLE FIRST...

YOU'RE LYING!

BUT...

YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO TRICK ME, AREN'T YOU!? I'M NOT GOING TO FALL FOR THAT!

PIKU (TWITCH)

WE HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE...

BUT IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS FOR YOU TO STAY IN HERE!

OUT...

OUT-SIDE...?

RIGHT. OUTSIDE.

PON (PAT)

IT'LL BE A LOT SAFER THAN STAYING COOPED UP IN HERE BY YOURSELF.

SO COME ON...

NO.

I'M TOO SCARED OF THE OUT-SIDE...

THE OUTSIDE TOOK AWAY EVERYTHING THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO ME...

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PORO

PORO

PORO (DRIP)

PORO

I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT EVER AGAIN...!

BUT YOU CAN'T JUST...

ZU CVWOOND

...SHE'S RIGHT.

THAT'S WHY I RAN AWAY FROM IT AND WOUND UP ALL THE WAY OUT HERE.

THE OUT-SIDE WORLD IS A CRUEL, HEARTLESS HELLHOLE.

THIS GIRL'S THE EXACT SAME WAY I AM.

I QUAKED IN FEAR OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD... I RAN FROM IT AND LOCKED MYSELF AWAY FROM EVERY-ONE...

ZUZU (SEEP)

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST STAY HERE WITH HER AFTER ALL...

HELP ME!

OH!

...IT'S ALL RIGHT.

SU (SHF)

WHAT...?

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GU (GRIT)

NO MATTER WHAT HAP-PENS...

...I SWEAR I'LL HELP YOU OUT OF IT.

R...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SCARED OF ANY-THING.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SCARED OF ANY-THING.

NO MATTER WHAT HAP-PENS...

...I SWEAR I'LL HELP YOU OUT OF IT.

R...

REALLY ...?

GU (TWINGE)

...

SO CUTE ....!

Y- YES!

REALLY!!

WHAA!?

NO!

I CAN'T!

DON (SHOVE)

AH!

IF...

IF MY EYES MEET ANYONE ELSE'S, THEY'LL TURN INTO STONE...

SO I...I CAN'T...

UH...

DOKI (BADUM)

OKAY...

WHAT DOES SHE MEAN? LIKE, SHE MAKES PEOPLE STOP AND STARE 'COS SHE'S WEIRD?

I GET HOW SHE FEELS, BUT STILL, YEESH...

!?

JIIII (STARE)

HUH?

OH, THIS...?

SH (POINT)

...WHAT IS THAT?

VUU (WHIRR)

VUU

BIKUU (SHOCK)

...OH MAN, LOOK AT ALL THE TEXTS ONEE-CHAN AND THE GANG SENT ME...!

I GOTTA GET BACK HOME...

GATA (TRMBL)

UH... SORRY! MY BAD!

GATA

GATA

GATA

BA (FWP)

LISTEN!

YOU GOTTA COME WITH ME AND—

Wait.

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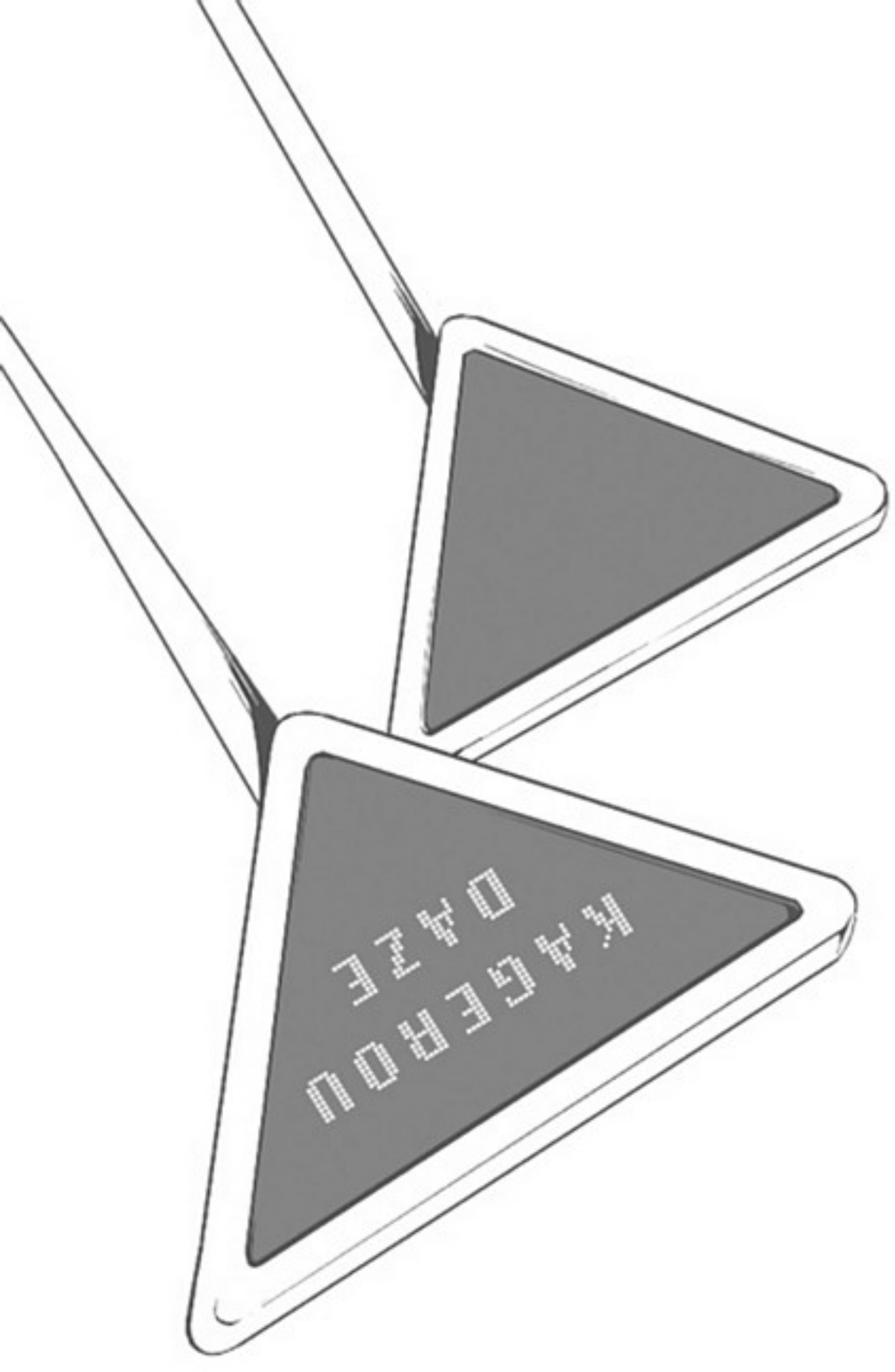
(FSSH)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